## POLITEIA (Company limited by guarantee and without share capital)

# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2015

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REARDON & CO LIMITED
Chartered Accountants
Cambridge

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### Company information for the period ended 30 April 2015

**DIRECTORS** 

Professor Harold James

Dr Sheila Lawlor

Sir Brian Williamson CBE

**SECRETARY** 

Dr Sheila Lawlor

**COMPANY NUMBER** 

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company throughout the year continued to be that of engaging in and encouraging public discussion of the relationship between the state and the people by way of seminars, conferences and publications.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served throughout the period were:

Professor Harold James Dr Sheila Lawlor Sir Brian Williamson CBE

#### **DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the results for the period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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Dr Sheila Lawlor Secretary

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2015

	2015	
TURNOVER	£ 1,834	£ 2,031
COST OF SALES	(60,527)	(58,831)
GROSS LOSS	(58,693)	(56,800)
Administrative expenses	(48,467)	(46,994)
Bank interest paid	(107,160) (155)	
Other operating income (Note 2)	123,207	101,120
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	15,892	(3,242)
TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	-	-
RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	15,892	(3,242)
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AT 30 APRIL 2014	(11,955)	(8,713)
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AT 30 APRIL 2015	£3,937	` ' '
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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2015	2015	,	2014
FIXED ASSETS	2015 £	2	2014 £
Tangible fixed assets (Note 4)	-		-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand Debtors (Note 6)	7,552 -	(5,390)	
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CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (Note 7)	(3,615)	(3,351)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	3,937	(	(8,741)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,937	(	8,741)
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year (Note 8)	-	(	(3,214)
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES	£3,937	£(1	1,955)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Profit and loss account	£3,937	£(1	1,955)

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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

For the period ended 30 April 2015 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s.386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

Dr Sheila Lawlor

Director

Sir Brian Williamson

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Director

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2015

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **ACCOUNTING CONVENTIONS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### GOING CONCERN

The nature of the company's activities is such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows; in particular, the company is dependent on the support of the Foundation for Social and Economic Thinking (FSET), its other charitable donors and individual subscribers. In the experience and opinion of the directors, such support will continue to be forthcoming for the foreseeable future and, on this basis, they therefore consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might arise from a shortfall in incoming funds.

#### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental cost of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a reducing balance basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates for this purpose are:

Office equipment

20% straight line

Computers

33% straight line

#### **OPERATING LEASES**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account on the straight line basis over the long term.

#### **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

Politeia qualifies as a small company under the terms of section 382 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, it is exempt from the requirements to publish a cash flow statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) "Cash flow statements".

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Donations and grants received	£123,207	£101,120
	£	£
2. OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2015	2014

Other operating income comprises grants received from the Foundation for Social and Economic Thinking of £93,000 (2014:£74,000) and other donations of £30,207 (2014:) £27,120.

3. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)		2015	2014
The operating profit/(loss) is stated after	charging:	£	£
Depreciation Director's remuneration including pension	on contribution	£55,921 =====	52,745 =====
4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		•	
	Office equipment	Computers	Total
COST	£	£	£
At 30 April 2014	1,436	6,729	8,165
Additions	· <u>-</u>	-	-
At 30 April 2015	1,436	6,729	8,165
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ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
At 30 April 2014	1,436	6,729	8,165
Charge for the period	-	-	-
At 30 April 2015	1,436	6,729	8,165
NET BOOK AMOUNT	====		====
At 30 April 2015	f -	f -	£
At 30 April 2013	⊥- ====	£ - ====	ــ <del>-</del> ====
At 30 April 2014	£ -	£-	£-
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015 Continued

#### 5. TAXATION

The company is a non-profit making company and does not trade; consequently, in the opinion of the directors, no liability to Corporation Tax arises other than on investment income.

#### 6. DEBTORS

Trade Debtors	2015 £ - £ -	2014 £ - £ -
7. CREDITORS	2015	2014
Trade creditors  Bank overdraft  Social security and payroll taxes  Other creditors  Accrued expenses	£ 1,196 - 1,134 265 1,020	£ 236 - 2,095 - 1,020
	£3,615 ====	£3,351 =====
8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one	year	
Bank loans	£ - ======	£3,214

#### 9. COMPANY STATUS

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have any share capital. Under its Memorandum and Articles of Association, every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of its being wound up while a member of the company (or within one year of ceasing to be a member) such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015 Continued

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Politeia is a non-profit making company, limited by guarantee, whose principal activity is that of informing and encouraging public discussion on the relationship between the state and the people by way of seminars, conferences and publications. It organises and commissions research and analysis on a number of different subjects relating to the role of the state in the lives of people (eg pensions, education, employment, healthcare, economic and constitutional matters). It applies, where appropriate, for support for such work is eligible, to the Foundation for Social and Economic Thinking (FSET), which is an education charity established to help fund eligible projects, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and other charitable bodies. It also seeks and wins support from individuals and companies towards organising and holding its public lectures and conferences, and towards sustaining these and its publishing operations.

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## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
TURNOVER	1,834	2,031
Cost of sales	(60,527)	(58,831)
GROSS LOSS	(58,693)	(56,800)
Donations and grants received	123,207	101,120
Administrative expenses	64,514 (48,622)	44,320 (47,562)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	£15,892	£(3,242)

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## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2015

	2015	2014
TURNOVER	£	£
Subscriptions Sales of publications	1,562 272	1,581 450
•	£1,834 =====	£2,031
COST OF SALES		
Costs recharged to publishing ex administration Authors and research fees Printing and publishing Conferences and seminars	48,467 - 3,628 8,432	46,996 - 2,281 9,554
	£60,527	£58,831

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## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2015

ADMINISTRATION	2015	2014
	£	£
Directors salaries	45,651	46,875
Directors pensions	10,270	10,270
Staff salaries	20,906	23,214
NIC (Employers)	935	980
Casual assistance	1,388	-
Insurance	275	275
Cleaning	995	940
Repairs, renewals & maintenance	-	2,036
Telephone & internet	831	1,127
Postage	697	995
Printing, stationery and office supplies	389	911
Travel	2,204	715
Entertainment	1,122	1,703
Staff welfare	139	-
Room hire	5,603	-
Books and periodicals	58	368
Accountancy	1,955	1,925
Professional fees	-	240
Miscellaneous expenses	15	200
Bank charges	581	700
Other office costs	218	-
Office cost & storage	330	316
Computer maintenance	2,372	200
	96,934	93,991
50% recharged to cost of sales	48,467	46,996
	48,467	46,995
Bank interest paid	155	567
	£48,622	£47,562
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